

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's Action of January 24, 2006, has been received and reviewed by counsel for Assignee. In that Action claims 1-38 were presented for examination. All claims were rejected under *Croy et al.*, U.S. Patent 6,040,829, *Erlin*, U.S. Patent 5,973,756, or *Claassen*, U.S. Patent 6,069,672, or combinations thereof.

By this response counsel has canceled all of claims 1-38 and presents herewith new claims 39-61 which have been rewritten in a manner believed to patentably distinguish the cited references. In particular, the new claims now make the structure of Applicant's invention more clearly defined, and express explicitly the requirement that the data be encrypted before it is transmitted from the remote control. This is an important feature of Applicant's invention, and enables the overall system to provide security not present in existing systems.

In view of the foregoing, counsel for Assignee believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303 (direct).

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